"Sea Bird" Naval Dock yard Project at Karwar

2011. SHRI J. P. JAVALI; Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that project "Sea Bird", a Naval Dock Yard at Karwar is likely to come up during th$_e$ current plan period; and

(b) if so, what progress has bee« made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Master Plan and the Detailed Project Report in respect of the Project have been prepared. Most of the scientific and technical studies have also been completed. Acquisition of private land required for the Project is under progress. The Project cost is being reviewed and revised to obtain revised sanction of Government. The first phase of the Project is likely to be completed in 10—12 years, subject to the requisite funds being available.

Impact of Liberalised Import on Electronic Industry

2012. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRl SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the impact of lib eralised import of electronic equip ment and computers on the indigen ous industry in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what measures Government propose to take to provide relief to the indigenous electronic industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMAN-GALAM): (a) The liberalised baggage rules, recently announced by the Government are not expected to have any adverse impact on the domestic electronics industry;

(b) The question of any specific relief to the indigenous industry due to the relaxation in the baggage rules does not arise. However, the following measures have been taken by the Government to give relief to the domestic electronics industry to face global competition.

(i) Consumer electronic items and computers (not exceeding CIF value of Rs. 1.5 lakhs) are among the 11 electronic items in the negative list of Export Import Policy 1992—97. The import of these items is not permitted without a licence.

(ii) In the budget 1993-94, Government have already provided relief to electronic equipments through reduction in customs duty on components and reduction in excise duty on equipments. These measures will go a long 'way in helping the domestic equipments industry in making the production viable.

Revision in Rates of DA

@2013. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM, RAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MIN- ISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a tripartite Committee has already recommended revision of rate of dearness allowance to Rs. 2 per point increase in the wholesale price index:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when Government would take a decision in this regard.

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